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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 5 COUP ATTEMPT POSTSCRIPT

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1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, THE ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT  
AND THE PRESS ALL CONTINUE TO GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION  
TO THE ABORTIVE SEPT. 5 COUP AND THE MEASURES REQUIRED  
TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE.

2. NIMEIRI HAS MET WITH THE CABINET, SSU POLITBUREAU,  
SSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, AND REGIONAL  
PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, PROCLAIMING THE RENEWED STRENGTH  
OF THE GOVERNMENT AND URGING THE APPROPRIATE STEPS  
BE FOLLOWED.

3. OF GREATEST INTEREST IS THE CURRENT CONSIDERATION  
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BY THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDING THE

CONSTITUTION. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS DEAL INTER ALIA WITH THOSE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS HAVING TO DO WITH RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND RESIDENCE, THE NEED FOR ARREST WARRANTS, AND THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS ARRESTED OR INTERNED. ALTHOUGH NIMEIRI IN A SEPT. 12 SPEECH FORESWORE VENGEANCE AS A MOTIVE, IT IS WIDELY ASSUMED THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT CHANGES IN THE STATE SECURITY ACT WILL GIVE SECURITY ORGANS GREATER LATITUDE AND WILL DIMINISH INDIVIDUAL SAFEGUARDS.

4. THE JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO ASSEMBLIES AND THE SSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON SEPT. 12 SUPPORTED THE CLOSING OF KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY, RECOMMENDED "PURGING" OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND "CLEARING SCHOOLS OF ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS", AND CALLED FOR A "NEW STRATEGY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE PRINCIPALS OF THE REVOLUTION".

5. SUDAN NEWS AGENCY ON SEPTEMBER 14 PUBLISHED A STATEMENT OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO CLARIFY THE QUESTION OF THE FINANCING OF THE COUP ATTEMPT. FIVE DAYS EARLIER, NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR MUZZAMIL SULIMAN GHANDOUR HAD ANNOUNCED THAT THE MONEY FOUND ON THE CONSPIRATORS HAD BEEN LOOTED FROM THE BANK OF SUDAN AND DUTY-FREE SHOP COFFERS AT THE AIRPORT, THUS SEEMINGLY GIVING THE LIE TO NIMEIRI'S EARLIER BROAD HINT THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HAD COME FROM LIBYA. ON SEPT. 12, NIMEIRI ASSERTED ONCE AGAIN THAT THE COUP ATTEMPT HAD BEEN "PLANNED AND FINANCED FROM ABROAD", AND THE SUDAN NEWS AGENCY STATEMENT CLAIMED THAT AUTHORITIES HAD FOUND CURRENCIES FAR IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNTS DISCOVERED MISSING FROM THE AIRPORT. (FIGURES USED WERE US DOLLARS 78,500, POUNDS STERLING 120, 321 AND SUDANESE POUNDS 23, 920, VS. MERE FRACTIONS OF THESE AMOUNTS MISSING FROM THE AIRPORT.)

6. FACULTY MEMBERS AT KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY BELIEVE THAT CLASSES MAY NOT RESUME UNTIL THE NEW YEAR, AND THEN ONLY AFTER THE CAMPUS HAS BEEN REORGANIZED SO AS TO SEPARATE FIRST YEAR STUDENTS (THE TRADITIONAL TROUBLE MAKERS) FROM THE REST OF THE STUDENT BODY.

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